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Mr. Andrew Silfer
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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: Approval of General Electric's *Supplemental Pre-Design Investigation Report- Phase 4 Floodplain Properties, Group 4A*, GE- Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Silfer:

This letter provides the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) conditional approval of the above-referenced *Supplemental Pre-Design Investigation Report- Phase 4 Floodplain Properties, Group 4A*, dated July 13, 2005 (Report). The Report is subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Consent Decree (CD) that was entered in U.S. District Court on October 27, 2000.

Pursuant to Paragraph 73 of the CD, EPA, after consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP), approves the Report.

EPA reserves its right to perform additional sampling and/or require additional sampling or Response Actions, if necessary, to meet the requirements of the Consent Decree.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 918-1240.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Lovely".

William Lovely
GE Facility Project Manager

cc.

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